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SUBJECT: BILATERAL COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

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1. PLEASE INFORM GOP THAT POLISH SHIPMENTS IN CATEGORIES
49 AND 50 OF BILATERAL COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT HAVE
REACHED OR EXCEEDED CONSULTATION LEVELS AS FOLLOWS:

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CATEGORY	(DOZ)	(SYE)	PERCENT FILLED
49	60,348	1,962,500	100 (THROUGH OCT 31)
50	39,332	700,000	106 (THROUGH SEPT 30)

2. AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT CONSULTATION LEVELS MAY BE EX-
CEEDED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3.
COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS HAS

THEREFORE DIRECTED U.S. CUSTOMS TO DENY ENTRY TO FURTHER SHIPMENTS IN THESE TWO CATEGORIES.

3. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 2, FROM POLISH EMBASSY REQUESTING INCREASES IN CATEGORIES 49, 50 AND 63 SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT POLAND TO "INCREASE ITS EXPORTS OF COTTON SUITS BY 6,000 DOZEN ABOVE THE 1977 LIMITS". INASMUCH AS THE RESTRAINT LEVEL FOR CATEGORY 50 (TROUSERS) IS THE CONTROLLING FACTOR FOR MEN'S COTTON SUITS, WE MUST INTERPRET THE WORDING OF THIS LETTER TO MEAN THAT POLAND IS REQUESTING US AGREEMENT TO EXPORT UP TO 45,332 DOZEN SUITS (I.E. 39,332 PLUS 6,000). HOWEVER, IT BECAME CLEAR IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN WARSAW WEEK OF OCT. 17 THAT GOP MISTAKENLY BELIEVED POLAND HAD RIGHT TO SHIP UP TO 55,000 DOZEN COTTON SUITS, AND IN FACT HAD ALREADY SHIPPED THAT MANY; THUS OVERSHIPMENT MAY HAVE OCCURRED, POSSIBLY IN EXCESS OF THE 6,000 DOZEN REQUESTED. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE ASK GOP TO CLARIFY ITS REQUEST.

4. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE SHORTLY TO GIVE GOP FIRM CONFIRMATION OF THE NOVEMBER 14 DATE TENTATIVELY SET FOR RESUMPTION IN WASHINGTON OF NEGOTIATION OF A NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT. PLEASE CONVEY TO GOP OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT POLISH NEGOTIATOR IN WARSAW WAS NOT EMPOWERED TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT HAD ONE BEEN REACHED DURING THE WEEKEND OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCT 22-23. IN ORDER TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLAND THIS YEAR IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR US TO STRETCH OUR PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO THE LIMIT, SINCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SCHEDULED CONTINUOUSLY UNTIL YEAR END; FOR EXAMPLE, TAIWAN WILL ALSO BE HERE THE WEEK OF NOV 14. WE MUST THUS INSIST THAT, PRIOR TO MAKING FIRM DATE FOR NOV 14, GOP CONFIRM THAT ITS NEGOTIATOR IN WASHINGTON WILL BE EMPOWERED TO INITIAL A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BINDING POLAND TO WHATEVER AGREEMENT IS REACHED AT THAT TIME. VANCE

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